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**AMENDMENTS**

**In the Claims**

19 Claims 1-8 and 10-64 remain in the application and are listed below:

20 1. (Previously Amended) A system for determining context  
21 comprising:

22 one or more computer-readable media; and

23 a hierarchical tree structure resident on the media and comprising multiple  
24 nodes each of which represent geographical divisions of the Earth, individual  
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